

REMARKS

By the present amendment, the abstract has been shortened and its language has been simplified.

In the Office Action, claims 1-3 are allowed, but the abstract is objected to because of its length and its use of terms such as "means" and "said".

The abstract has been shortened to 143 words and simplified. Accordingly, it is submitted that the objection should be withdrawn.

In conclusion, the invention as presently claimed is patentable. It is believed that the claims are in allowable condition and a notice to that effect is earnestly requested.

In the event there is, in the Examiner's opinion, any outstanding issue and such issue may be resolved by means of a telephone interview, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

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In the event this paper is not considered to be timely filed, the Applicants hereby petition for an appropriate extension of the response period. Please charge the fee for such extension and any other fees which may be required to our Deposit Account No. 50-2866.

Respectfully submitted,

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